

Summary of Congressional Comments Regarding  
Southeast Asia - 1 July 1964

The Majority Leader, Mr. Mansfield, struck out at Republicans in the House who delivered "a tirade on policy in Viet Nam." He said he did not deplore discussion of the Viet Nam situation but felt that a statement which labelled our efforts there at a cost of American effort and lives a "why win" policy, is a serious discussion. Senator Cooper later rose to say he believed the Republicans' statement brought in to play the very debate that Senator Mansfield recommended adding that the House members had every right to state their positions. Cooper said he did not himself agree with their entire statement. Senator Javits joined in the discussion by identifying himself with "that group which believes, regardless of party, that we must stick it out in Viet Nam." It was Javits' judgment that we should press for a UN role. Senator Morse then took this opportunity to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD twenty pages of letters he has received from people who disagree with U.S. policy. Later he continued his criticism of the EVENING STAR by his rebuttal to a column by Max Freedman. He also continued to state his position that the appointment of General Taylor as American Ambassador to South Viet Nam was "a most unfortunate mistake."

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